

Blades Can Fail



"Mike Crawley, president and CEO of AIM PowerGen, said the wind turbine performed just as it was designed to do when hit." "The blade took a direct hit from lightning and buckled, but did not separate from the rest of the turbine."



Looking at the pictures from
A Channel News
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Does "the blade" mean only the exterior coating, and not include any of the heavy structural material inside the gel-coat?



Prince Wind Farm - Jan 08

Port Burwell - Apr 07

Denmark - Feb. 2008 - parts of wind turbine blades travel 500 metres from tower in turbine accident. Ontario turbines have a blade failure rate 4 x as great as seen in European study - possibly as taller, and more severe weather.

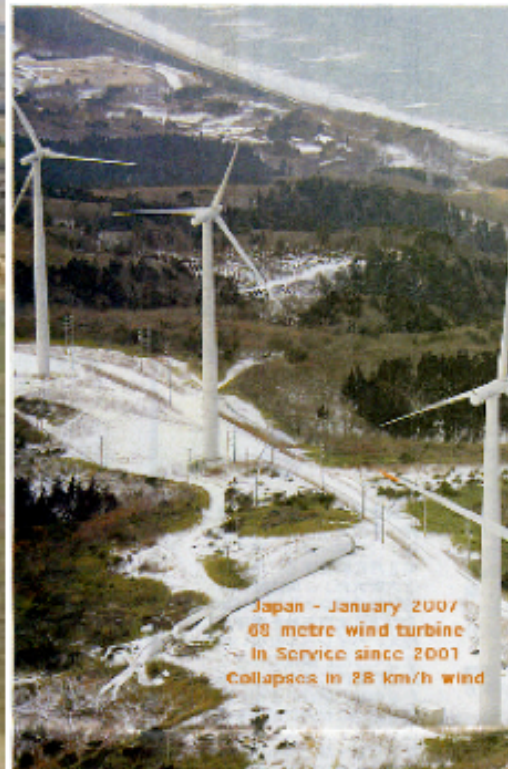
Public Safety Risk - Towers Can Collapse

Oklahoma USA

Aug 2005



Japan Jan 2008



Oregon USA

Aug 2007



Public Safety Risk - Fires Can Occur

